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SUBJECT: MILITARY EXPORTS TO HAITI

1. HAITIAN CHARGE GERVAIS WAS INVITED TO THE DEPARTMENT JULY 20 IN ORDER TO INFORM THE GOH OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISIONS ON PENDING MILITARY EXPORT LICENSE CASES FOR HAITI.
2. GERVAIS WAS INFORMED BY ARA/CAR DIRECTOR HEWITT OF DEPARTMENT DECISION TO APPROVE THREE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LICENSE REQUESTS FOR THE EXPORT OF 20 ONE-QUARTER TON UTILITY TRUCKS, AND OF SPARE PARTS FOR VARIOUS TRUCKS FOR THE HAITIAN ARMED FORCES. HE WAS ALSO TOLD OF DISAPPROVAL OF TWO MUNITIONS LICENSE REQUESTS FOR THE EXPORT OF 20 .38 CALIBER REVOLVERS AND SPARE PARTS FOR M-1 RIFLES.

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3. GERVAIS WAS INFORMED WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY HAITI'S PROGRESS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND BY IMPROVEMENTS IN ITS HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES EXEMPLIFIED BY THE RELEASE OF REMAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS, THE TRIALS OF MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA AND OF THE MILITARY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, AND HAITI'S INVITATION TO THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE RECENTLY SIGNED PL-480 TITLE I

AGREEMENT AND THE PROPOSED TITLE III PROGRAM WERE CITED

AS EVIDENCE OF OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH
HAITI IN A SUBSTANTIAL WAY ON ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS.

4. WE REMINDED GERVAIS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE A MAJOR
FACTOR IN USG REVIEW OF ALL PROPOSED MILITARY EQUIPMENT
TRANSFERS. WHILE APPROVAL OF THE EXPORT LICENSES FOR
TRUCKS AND TRUCK SPARES IS A SIGN OF OUR RECOGNITION OF
IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE, DEPARTMENT REVIEW CON-
CLUDED WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME TO APPROVE
EXPORT OF POLICE-RELATED EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS REVOLVERS, OR
THE M-1 SPARES. RECENT DECISION ON THE M-1 SPARES, HOW-
EVER, IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ACTION USG MIGHT TAKE ON
SIMILAR REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE FOR REASONABLE EQUIPMENT
NEEDS. GERVAIS WAS ALSO TOLD WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT
OF IAHRC MISSION, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL TAKE PLACE IN
AUGUST, AND THAT POSITIVE RESULTS OF THAT VISIT COULD WELL
MAKE A POSITIVE U.S. RESPONSE TO FUTURE REQUESTS FOR
EQUIPMENT SUCH AS THE M-1 SPARES MORE LIKELY.

5. GERVAIS TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF POINTS MADE AND SAID HE
WOULD REPORT THEM TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE OFFERED NO
COMMENT, AND THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS AMICABLE.
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